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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2



## *Editor's Model of the Month by Dom Candelore*

### **Division Meeting Schedule**

**April 27** (Saturday) - *JAMBOREE*  
Sewall Center, Robert Morris University, Moon Campus  
6001 University Blvd, Moon, PA 15108  
(Flyer & Registration Form, p. 7)

**May 19** - Altoona, PA in conjunction with Susquehanna  
Division, NMRA Mid-eastern Region; location & time to  
be determined

### **Bring'n'Brag**

<b>Jan</b>	Anything Goes
<b>Feb</b>	Intermodal Equipment
<b>Mar</b>	Steam Power
<b>May</b>	MOW Equipment
<b>Jun</b>	Off-Line Structures
<b>Aug</b>	Boxcars
<b>Sep</b>	Tank Cars
<b>Oct</b>	Interlocking/Switch/Yard Towers
<b>Nov</b>	Plants & Trees

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# From the Super's Desk

## Next Station ... Jamboree!

If—as I suggested you do in my February column—you got out your NMRA Calendar to write down the date of the Div. 2 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree, then you might have noticed the name Fred Lagno under a couple of the photos. Appropriate, because he's one of the Jamboree speakers; his subject: realistic model photography. Over the years I've seen a number of his articles in the hobby press, and his modeling and photography certainly complement each other.

Fred is one of about a dozen speakers at this year's event, which includes clinics given by Dave Bodnar,

Grier Kuehn, Don Cassler, Galon Tonell, Charlie Getz, Gary Carmichael, Bill Sartore, Jim Whipple, Dave Emery, Derick Brashear, and maybe Jim Sacco "if I get my clinic done." I've heard that last one before.

You will notice no overlap between this list and Div. 2

monthly meeting clinicians or the Pittsburgh regional convention last year. The organizing committee worked very hard to bring a fresh crew of clinicians and topics to this year's Jamboree.

Subjects include freight car detailing, electronics and animation, research on the internet, nifty products from strange places, train operations, and more. Don Cassler will present a tour of his top-of-the-line layout; I don't think I've ever heard Don speak, or it's been so long I can't recall. I'm looking forward to the clinics and almost certainly I will be conflicted over which to attend.

And don't forget the popular vote contest, white elephant table, and excellent meals. Check out the web site

[www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree\\_files/jamb2013.html](http://www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree_files/jamb2013.html)

and then come!! ... *Mike Hohn*

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One of several examples of Keystone Division Chief Clerk Den Lippert's super-detailed and weathered freight cars to be found in the modeling room at the RPM-East meet in Greensburg, PA, March 22 - 23.

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# Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael Hohn, at 2:31 PM.

A round of thanks was given to the club for sponsoring the meeting. It's been a long timw since we'd been to the club, lots of change. The club's president, Dean Liberty, gave a talk about the club's history and its current condition, both physically and financially.

Mike asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. None stepped forward.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Volkwein was not present, and left no report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs: Keith DeVault reported on the upcoming schedule. April 27 is the Jamboree. May 19th we will hold our meeting in ALTOONA, in conjunction with the Susqheuanna Division. There will be activities all day. Stay tuned for details. June will be @ the PA Trolley Museum.

Company Store: Dick Flock reported several new books in stock this month

Editor: Vagel Keller reported nothing beyond the deadline for submissions.

Bring N Brag: Paul Gallick reported NINE entries for this month's category of Steam Power. Seems like a popular topic!

Video Library: Bud Brock was absent, but Larry Kline offered to accept returned videos.

Membership: Tom Gaus was not at the meeting, but left a report that we had 3 new members this month. No Web report.

Jamboree: Grier Kuehn reported on the upcoming event, this month! Clinicians are finalized and verified, registrations continue to roll in.

Freemo: Bob Meier reported that our next scheduled Freemo event is the July Greenberg show. We are also again running the White Elephant Room at the Jamboree. Bring stuff to sell. Please fill out paperwork (available on the web site) beforehand if possible! As usual, the Division's Freemo account will receive a donation of 10% of your total proceeds, rounded up the next dollar.

## OLD BUSINESS

Larry Kline announced the upcoming RPM East prototype modelers event on March 21/22/23.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Gregg brought up the recent passing of John Roberts, and suggested that the Division should make a donation in his memory to the NMRA National's Diamond Club, as was asked by the family. A motion for the amount of \$500 was made, was seconded, and passed.

In a similar vein, and in light of the presentation earlier, a motion was made for the Division to make a more-substantial donation to our hosts for the meeting, the McKeesport Club.

After discussion two motions were passed: (1) to give the Club an additional \$200, over and above the normal \$50 stipend. (2) to also pass along the proceeds from the Pass-the-Hat donations (which amounted to \$50)

This spurred a larger discussion about our standard stipend given to hosts as well. It was decided to form a committee to look into the amount of our standard donations, and to discussion whether or not we should raise the amount, which has been steady for several years. Keith DeVault will head up this committee. Jerry Kyslinger and Bob Meier volunteered to serve on it.

Susan Werner announced that she has been chosen to head up a new Welcoming Committee within the Division. The members of this committee will be charged with greeting any new members who attend meetings, etc. Name tags are also being discussed. If you have an old Division nametag, feel free to WEAR IT to meetings!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were heard beyond the standard next-meeting and bring-n-brag reminders.

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM.



This 2-8-0, featured in the March B'n'B contest, is one of many fine examples of kit-bashed and reworked HO-scale steam engines that grace Bill DeFoe's Cinder Valley layout.

# Bring'n'Brag

## PAUL GALLICK

March's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held during the regular monthly meeting at the McKeesport Model RR Club in McKeesport, PA. The theme of this month's contest was "Steam Power," and there were 9 entries.

First Place was won by Dom Candelore whose O scale PRR K4s received 13 of the 37 votes cast. He started with a Jan Lorensen kit which he had to shorten the frame and then roll a new boiler out of brass sheet. He then replaced the drivers, gearbox, and can motor. Since his kit did not include a tender he scratchbuilt it based on a drawing for a PRR P130-75 tender. Dom received 2 extra points for scratchbuilding the tender and all the modifications to the engine.

John Ainsworth won Second Place with 7 votes for his scratchbuilt HO scale Southern Railway Ps4 4-6-2. He built the engine and tender using brass sheet and castings and spent approximately 300 hours on the model. He used Bowser drivers and a North West Short Line gearbox for the mechanism. John obtained 2 extra points for scratchbuilding his model.

Larry Kline won Third Place with 6 votes received for his O Scale B&O P1d 4-6-2. Larry's model was originally scratch built by Herman Kloppenberg. He replaced the motor and trailing truck and added a decoder with sound and a speaker in the tender.

Bob Hickman entered an HO scale Bachmann Southern Pacific 4-8-4 and a Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 made by Rivarossi.

Blaine Reynolds entered two HO scale locomotives that he had assembled from Bowser kits.

Dennis Williams entered an HO scale Key PRR S2 turbine drive locomotive which he custom painted.

Charlie Hallman entered a Wileco Live Steam Traction engine built from a kit made in Germany.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. I would like to remind everyone of two items from the contest rules:

- 1) Each entry must be the result of the creative efforts of the modeler entering it.
- 2) An entry may be entered only once, unless there is a significant amount of extra work done on it.

Excluded entries are not eligible for scoring points.



### Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Dom Candelore	16	Greg Dixon	3
John Ainsworth	13	Charlie Hallman	2
Larry Kline	11	Bob Hickman	2
Bill DeFoe	9	Joel Everly	2
Joe Loffland	7	Andy Lorince	2
Dennis Lippert	4		

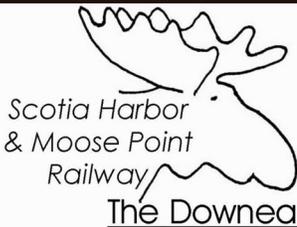
Other entries for this month's contest included:

Marge Meehan entered an On30 Climax A vertical boiler locomotive built from a resin kit.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale 2-8-0 which he kitbashed from a PFM Santa Fe 2-8-0. He replaced the tender with a coal clear vision type, added LED lighting, installed a speaker and tsunami sound decoder.



The classic passenger green livery of John Ainsworth's scratchbuilt Southern Rwy "Pacific" in HO scale, which won second place in March's B'n'B contest, was a real eye catcher.



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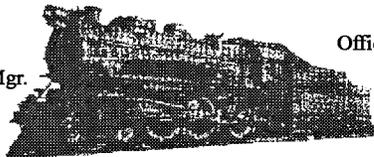


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Activities run all day!**

Clinics run all day on a variety of topics - model railroading, scenery building, detailing rolling stock, prototype railroading and local history!

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Register early to guarantee meal availability  
Very limited space is available at the door  
NO banquet reservations will be taken after April 15th!

Registration information will be distributed upon arrival April 27th.  
No confirmations will be mailed.

Payment **MUST** be by cash or check. We cannot accept CREDIT or DEBIT cards.

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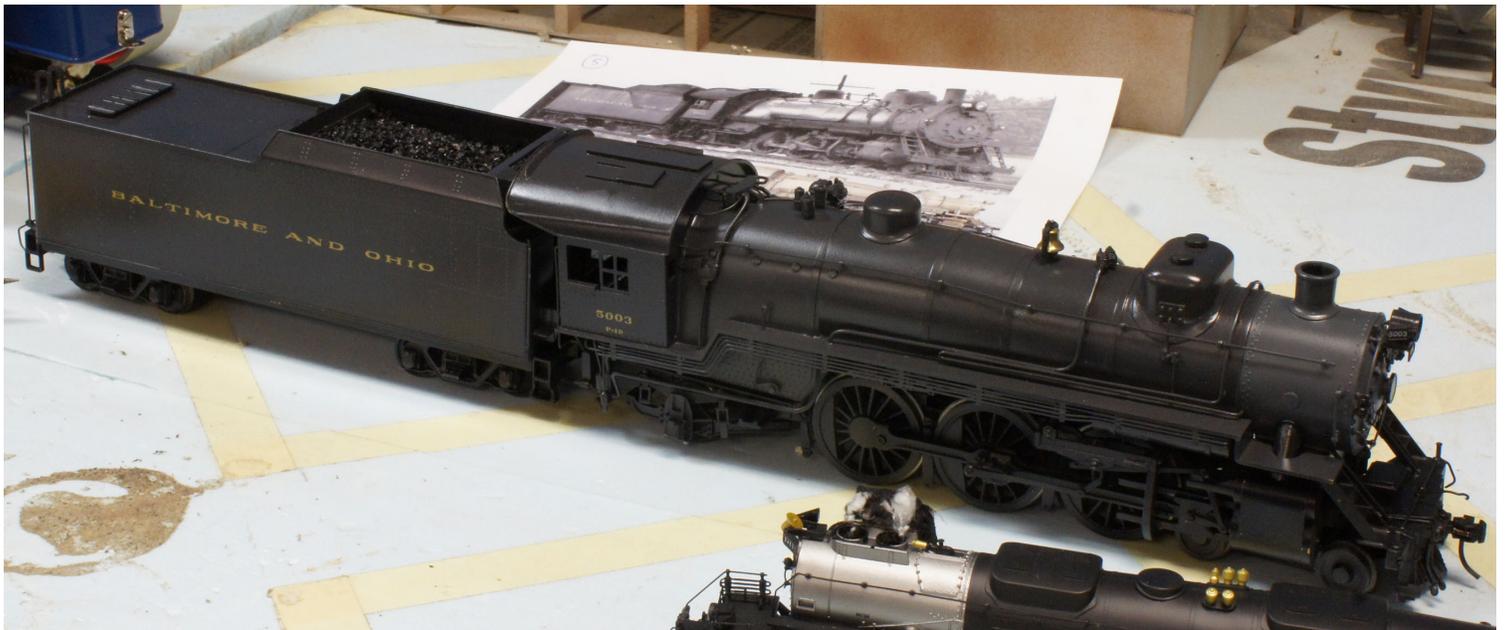
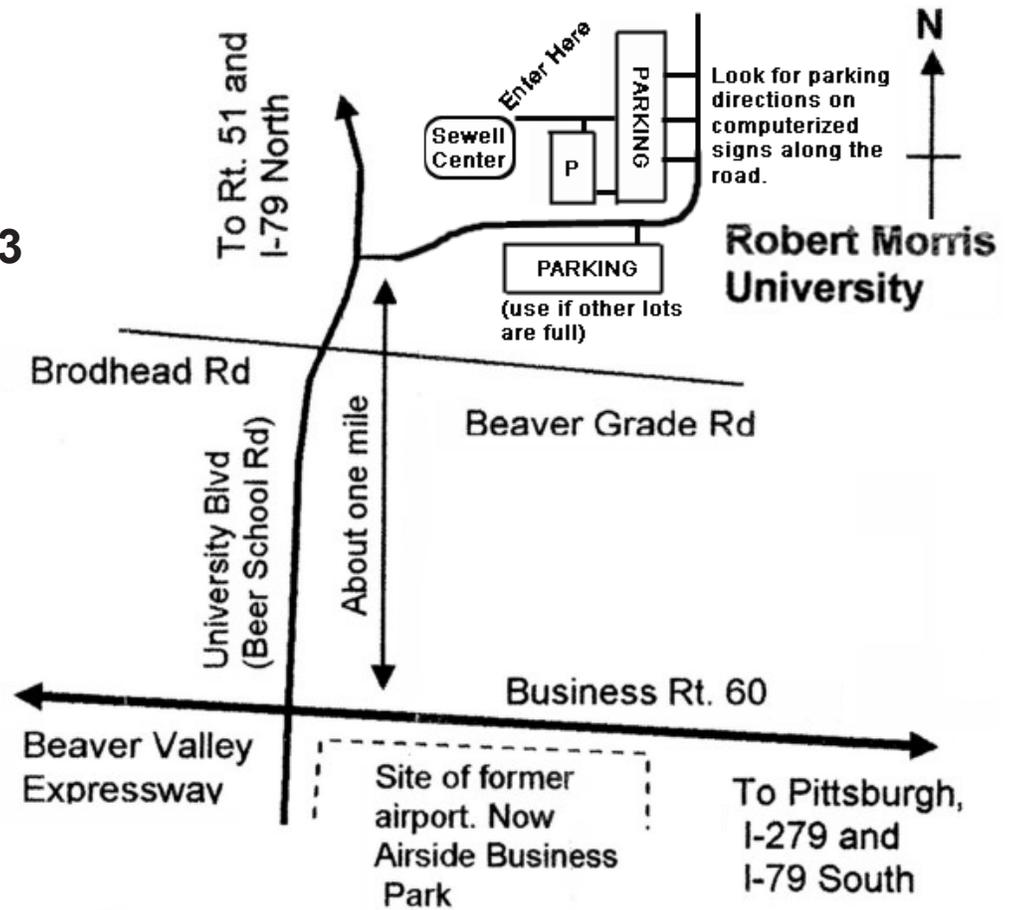
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# MAP TO THE APRIL 27, 2013 JAMBOREE



Larry Kline's reworked O-scale B&O "Pacific," updated with DCC and sound, placed third in March's B'n'B contest, which featured many fine examples of scratchbuilding and kit-bashing in the steam power category.

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